



Legion Members Entertain in Hall

The members of the Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary entertained to banquet and a social evening last Friday evening. To say the event was a success is to put it mildly. It was one of the most pleasant evenings spent in Gleichen in many a day. One all joined in the fun.

After the crowd had done justice to the splendid repast set before them President Hampton of the Legion welcomed the crowd and was followed by President Mrs. R. Oliver of the Women's Auxiliary. Rev. W. Macdonald spoke for a few minutes. Mr. Geo. Bell, M.L.A., was the principal speaker, speaking for about 15 minutes.

Tables were then cleared away and an orchestra of local players from Arrowwood and Gleichen supplied the music for the dance and songs. Everybody joined in the dancing and really a good time was had by all. We never knew we had so many good singers as turned up for the evening. The hit of the evening was Bert Bush with his song, "There are many who are certain that Bert has missed is calling."

At midnight refreshments were again served and the affair broke up shortly after.

Alberta History

(By F. W. GEBHAW)

Very little has been written about the late A. J. Day and yet he was a most colorful figure and an outstanding character in the day of the range. He and his relatives brought to the country some 22,000 head of cattle and 700 horses and sheep and were shipped from the far south to Billings, Montana and travelled from there to the 65,000 acre lease Mr. Day had secured south of Medicine Hat. He paid the Dominion government \$40,000 in duty when he brought his hand across.

Mr. Day was for years a prominent Texas cowman. As the range there became crowded he "followed the great" through the western states and finally took the long trail up to Alberta. He was one of the pioneers who braved the frontier to establish the cattle industry. There were prairie fires and drought. There were wild animals and hard winters. The stock losses were often heavy and the markets poor but the story of the range stockmen forms an engaging chapter in the history of the province.

"Uncle Tony," as Mr. Day was affectionately called, had lived through the days of slavery and one of his c-selves came with him to Medicine Hat.

Like other Texans he was a good cattleman. He always had a smile and had a kind of enigmistic smile to tell. He had many friends and was always a welcome companion on account of his wisdom, his dry humor and his pleasant Texas drawl. When the large leases were thrown open for settlers he, like others, was forced out of the business. He did not like retirement and when asked if he would resume ranching if he could get a suitable range he said, "I'd at it."

Ranchers in those days handled large sums of money and their word was their bond.

On one occasion Mr. Fares of Gordon, Ironrides and Fares gave a man a substantial cheque for some cattle. The next year when Mr. Fares was starting west the bookkeeper told him that this cheque had never been cashed. Mr. Fares found the rancher and told him "it is all right," the rancher said, "you paid me for the cattle and I lost the money. I don't care the loss is on my side. He Mr. Fares had difficulty in explaining the case and getting him to take another cheque.

Another Alberta rancher sold several hundred steers and went to Winnipeg with them. He was dressed in high boots and a cowboy hat. Upon making delivery he was given a cheque for ninety thousand dollars. The hotel man accompanied him to the station. They started to go through the gate used by pullman passengers when the rancher was stopped by the policeman in uniform and told that the ranchers' excursion train did not leave until the next day. The rancher protested and was asked to show his ticket. He reached to his inside pocket and brought out a long narrow piece of

STAR TIME

This happy trio is representative of the thirty-five outstanding Canadian singers who have been heard on the Sunday Startime broadcast since it

paper. The policeman took it and stared with hard and suspicious eyes at the toll-marked man. "Where did you get this?" he asked. "Not receiving a quick answer he said "You come with me." The hotel manager made an explanation and the guard handed the \$90,000 cheque back to the cattleman, who had drawn out this trip of paper in mistake for his ticket.

Town & District

Fr. LeBel of St. Victor's Church. He will be away for several weeks.

Seriat fever in the Standard district has caused the cancellation of all public meetings.

T. B. Northfield, optician, will be in Gleichen on Friday, May 19, from 12 to 6 p.m. for the purpose of examining eyes, etc.

Wm. Sutermeister returned last Friday from a week's skiing at Sunshine Ski Lodge west of Banff where there is still over thirty feet of snow above timberline.

Sunday night a terrific wind storm struck the town and district. It occurred after midnight and woke up many people. Despite the heavy wind very little if any damage was done.

Mrs. Joe Jennings of No. 10 Repair Dept. Calgary has been visiting this past week with her sister, Mrs. Sutermeister. With her were also her daughter, Miss Shirley Jennings, and a friend, Miss Sandra Neufeld, also of Calgary.

Last Thursday was Indian pay day when some forty thousand dollars was distributed among the Indians by the Indian agency staff. This money is known as basic money and is derived from land leased to white men. With the hundreds of Indians in town during the day the place presented a lively scene and the stores did a splendid business as the Indians bought goods and paid the bills they owed.

Mrs. W. Pettit was hostess to the Women's Association of the United Church Thursday afternoon in her home. There were 27 ladies present and three visitors. Much business was accomplished. Final arrangements were made for Mother's Day tea and home making and jellies. Tea is to be held on May 15 in the club room of the memorial centre. Mrs. T. C. Brown will convene tea and give her help.

After the meeting adjourned a delicious lunch was served by the hostess and lunch committee.

Alberta has the most extensive coal deposits of any Canadian province.

Don't let airline distances fool you. They're not always the shortest distance between two points, but rather the length of routes usually followed by aircraft in good weather.

With the arrival of spring and more outdoor activities, there is a great need for motorists to exercise care to avoid accidents. More youngsters are playing out doors, consequently more are liable to be injured or killed by automobiles unless drivers are particularly alert. It is a well-known fact that child accident

first went on the CCB Trans-Canada network last January. Left to right: Jimmy Shields, tenor; Betty McCook, soprano; and Bernard Johnson, baritone.

exposure increases as weather improves and more time is spent outdoors. A major cause of such accidents is children playing in the street or running into the street while at play, perhaps chasing a rolling ball. Motorists are urged to be on guard for children who may run in front of their cars, particularly in areas where youngsters are likely to be playing. These places include down town areas as well as those in outlying regions. Drive very slowly if children are standing or playing near or in the roadway and come to a stop if a ball rolls in the path of the car. Undoubtedly every attempt is being made in the schools to train children to play away from the streets and to remind parents of the importance of teaching safe play habits to their children. It is the responsibility of motorists to take the precautions necessary to avoid accidents if some child forgets and runs in front of the car.

George Mackie a resident of Gleichen for the past couple of years died Friday at the age of 78 years. Mr. Mackie was born in Scotland and came to Canada some 58 years ago and had lived in Alberta for about 48 years. He was an old resident of the Basanto district where he had ranches for many years prior to his retirement sometime ago. His wife predeceased him some years ago. A brother lives in Salt Lake City and arrived Monday night. The funeral will be in Basanto Tuesday afternoon where interment was made in the family plot there beside his wife.

W. A. Legion Hold Meeting

The Women's Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion held their regular meeting Thursday evening at eight o'clock in the Legion Hall, with thirty-six members present.

President Mrs. Oliver presided over the meeting and the usual business was dealt with. A thank you letter was read from Comrade Holly of Eventide Home in appreciation for the Easter parcels given the veterans at the Home. His letters are always amusing and interesting.

Some 25 Auxiliary members accepted the kind invitation from the Strathmore Auxiliary Branch to the Canadian Legion, to attend a social evening on April 18.

Three applications for membership in the Auxiliary were approved. These are Mrs. Margaret Bell, Miss Cora Ann Bell and Miss Dorothy Alice Buck.

After the business meeting and the March of Dimes, the lunch committee served a delicious lunch and a most enjoyable social hour followed.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH Sunday, April 23.

Morning Prayer at 11:30 o'clock. Rev. D. Houghton, R. A. Incumbent.

Unemployment at one and a half per cent the working force is considered by Canadian government experts to be just about the irreducible minimum.

Some of the Northwest Territories (on Baffin Island) are east of Halifax.

Ice over Canada's northern Cambridge Bay has been estimated to have been 3,000 feet thick during the glacial period.

WEDDING

GILBERT-CRANE

St. Hilbert United Church was the scene of a quiet wedding ceremony on March 11th, when Miss Doris Crane of Calgary, became the bride of Mr. Keith Gilbert. Rev. F. Marsh officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crane of Weyburn, Sask. Mr. Gilbert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gilbert, Glief.

Given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr. E. Bernack, the bride wore a frock of soft golden tulle shaded with spring tulle to match. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. E. Bernack. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Robert Kelly of Calgary.

Following the ceremony a luncheon was served for the bridal party and immediate members of the family at the home of the brides' sister, Mrs. Bernack. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert will reside in Calgary.

Province Wide Motor Vehicle Inspection Begins

With the cooperation of Royal Canadian Mounted Police and city and town police in every section of the province, the first motor vehicle inspection campaign ever undertaken on a province wide scale in Canada is now underway and will continue until every car and truck has been approved in a safe condition with respect to brakes, lights, horns and rear-view mirrors.

Present plans call for a campaign of two months' duration, ending June 15, although it may be extended sooner if field reports from Safety Council committees throughout the province indicate. All vehicles have been inspected prior to June 15th. All qualified garage and service stations in Alberta are eligible for appointment as official testing centres provided they have signed a binding agreement with the Alberta Safety Council undertaking to abide by the regulations set up for the purpose of the campaign. Books of official safety stickers will be issued to these approved testing centres who in turn will issue such stickers for placement on the lower right hand corner of every motor vehicle passing the required inspection.

Identifying posters will be issued to approved testing centres so that all such stations may be readily recognized by the public. A record will be kept in duplicate of each inspection and approval made by each testing centre, making available at the conclusion of, and during the campaign a complete history of each station in which an official safety sticker has been placed on a safe vehicle.

For a period of 16 days from April 15 until May 1, drivers of all safe motor vehicles will be given the opportunity of having their vehicles approved by one of the testing centres and identified as being in a safe condition by one of the official safety stickers.

On Monday, May 1, all police officers assigned to this province-wide section of Alberta, including cities, towns, villages and patrol roads and highways will be required to make a compulsory inspection of all motor vehicles failing to display one of the official safety stickers, indicative of safe brakes, lights, horns and rear-view mirrors.

The principle under which this campaign is being operated is that if the operators of all safe vehicles will have them so identified, and by so doing contribute to the cost of the campaign, it will be a comparatively simple matter for our present police forces to inspect all other vehicles under the provisions of the Vehicles and Highways Traffic Act of the province, a task which otherwise would obviously be impossible.

The urgent need for such a province-wide vehicle inspection is apparent when it is realized that approximately 18 per cent of all traffic accidents are caused by faulty or inappropriate safety equipment or motor vehicles using the roads, streets and highways.

An individual's own safe car or truck, and the lives of himself and his family, are at all times seriously threatened by the vast number of these unsafe cars. As long as they (Continued on last page.)



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Without rigid rules, traffic would be chaotic and the accident toll gigantic. It is more necessary than ever that all rules be rigidly enforced.

The responsible motorist will observe the rules because he respects the rights of other motorists and knows that he must operate his car in an orderly manner. (Albertan Editorial)

Be Careful - the life you save may be your own!

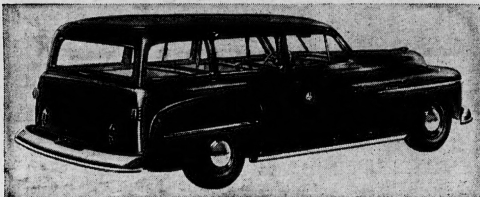
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HERE AND THERE

Mrs. S. E. Lester has been in Red Deer visiting her son, wife and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Egles were down from Calgary Friday evening to attend the banquet given by the Legion members.

Mrs. Art Bremner is confined to a hospital in Calgary having undergone an operation.

Miss Audrey Leggett of Calgary was a weekend visitor to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown. Years ago Miss Leggett was a resident of Glenora.

Bob Haskayne returned last week from his visit to his old home in England. He went both ways by air and says that it is the only way to travel besides a lot of time is saved. He would not care to live in England again.

On the return trip, the captain of the airplane crossing the Atlantic looked familiar to him, and asking the stewardess what his name was found he was John Laskowski a former resident of the district. John was delighted to meet Mr. Haskayne and sat down and talked for several hours.

Bob says John asked about every body in the town and district. Capt. John Laskowski has gone a long way up the ladder since he left. His home was in Stobart for some years and he used to walk every day the five miles to Gleichen to attend school. Many a time Mr. Haskayne picked him up a mile or so west of town near the slaughter house and brought him to town in the car. He has been flying for 17 years and for past ten in charge of flying planes over the Atlantic. On the trip over he took Mr. Haskayne up front and explained what the great mass of dials were for and gave him a map and log of the trip over the ocean.

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Province Wide

exist and are allowed to continue in operation none can reasonably say he is safe from their constant menace.

They can be driven off the highways or forced into a safe condition, if every person who is operating a safe car or truck will co-operate in the aims of this all out vehicle safety campaign, planned as it is to make this province of Alberta a safer and happier place in which to live, and drive or walk.

THE WORLD OF WHEAT

The government announces that the interim payment for wheat, beginning August 1st next, will be \$1.40 a bushel, compared with the present price of \$1.17.

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